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## New Board, New President, New Agenda for OPC

by Aimee Rinehart

This year's annual OPC meeting saw a change in stewardship of the organization, announcement of a \$25,000 grant, a look at the Club's financial horizons and an update on the Freedom of the Press Committee's work in the past year.

### ELECTIONS

Club President Marshall Loeb ended his two-year reign as president of the OPC and handed the gavel to the Club's newly elected president, Allan Dodds Frank.

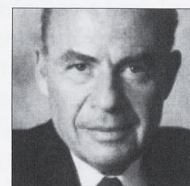
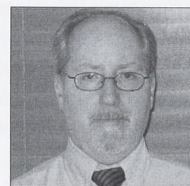
Loeb presided over the board from August 2006 to 2008. Under his stewardship, he has helped guide the Club through some troubling times in the field of journalism and keep the Club moving into the future by ramping up its Internet presence by hiring an editor in May 2007 to oversee the printed *Bulletin* newsletter and update the Web site. The OPC relaunched its Web site in April 2008 with a new design, event RSVP and payment capabilities, and social networking opportunities. The OPC recently won a \$25,000 grant (see page 3), which provides a challenge to the OPC's newly elected leader, Allan Dodds Frank.

Frank intends to further develop the OPC as one of the leading forums and meeting places for journalists and to expand the OPC's reach among younger journalists, especially those committed to

seeking careers in reporting abroad.

Frank is a television correspondent for Bloomberg News and has been a member of the Overseas Press Club since 1985. He most recently served as second vice president and previously the OPC treasurer, governor, chairman of the OPC Awards Committee and President of the OPC Foundation, where he serves on the board and executive committee.

Supporting board member positions



From left, clockwise: new OPC President Allan Dodds Frank, first vice president Arlene Getz, second vice president Marcus Mabry, outgoing OPC President Marshall Loeb and third vice president Michael Serrill.

also saw some changes with Arlene Getz as first Vice-President; Marcus Mabry, second vice-president; Michael

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## Book Night to Have Three Takes on One Battle

### EVENT PREVIEW: SEPTEMBER 10

by Sonya K. Fry

"Through this captivating collection of survivor's stories, Larry Smith brings alive the myriad experiences of the brave and courageous Marines who witnessed first-hand 35 unbelievable days of warfare....a vivid and compelling account by a true master of oral history." General James L. Jones, retired USMC, former Commandant and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

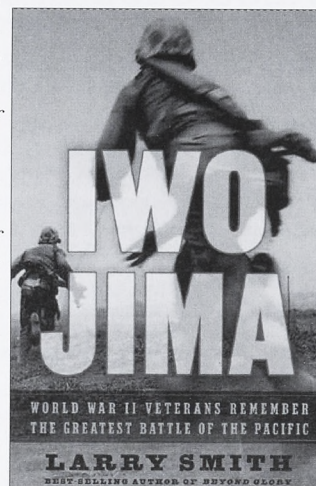
Larry Smith interviews nearly two dozen American veterans who tell the story of this fierce battle in their own words. He also

explores the tenaciousness of the Japanese side with insights on their commander, Lt. Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi. The death toll of 28,000 combatants was staggering for a small barren island – 22,000 Japanese and 6,821 Americans, most of them marines.

In addition to the stories of battle, Smith also explores the first and second flag-raising and the authenticity of Joe Rosenthal's famous picture of that flag-raising on Mount Suribachi amid the suspicions that it was staged.

Larry Smith was OPC President from 1992 to 1994 and was managing

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## Board Elections

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Serrill, third vice-president; Jane Ciabattari secretary and Jacqueline Albert-Simon treasurer.

The new active board members are: NBC News correspondent Ron Allen, editor of the *World Policy Journal* David A. Andelman, CBS News foreign editor Ingrid Ciprian-Matthews, U.S. managing editor of the *Financial Times* Chrystia Freeland, editor in chief of *Condé Nast Traveler* Klara Glowczewska, director of broadcast journalism at the University of Hong Kong Jim Laurie and managing partner of Collective Intelligence Kevin McDermott.

The roster for Active Alternates for the board saw a complete turnover this year with ABC News director of foreign news Chuck Lustig, international editor and deputy managing editor for *The Wall Street Journal* Nikhil Deogun, and editor *Forbes Asia* Tim Ferguson.

Associate Board Members for 2008-09 are Bill Collins, Director, Public and Business Affairs for Ford Motor Company; and United Nations Representative for Care International Kathleen Hunt.

Bios and photos of board members are posted online under "About Us" at [www.opcofamerica.org](http://www.opcofamerica.org).

### CLUB FINANCES

OPC Executive Director Sonya K.

Fry announced the good news of the Club winning a Challenge Grant (see page 3). The operative word of winning the grant is "challenge," which will put to the test OPC members commitment and extended support of the organization in order to match the \$25,000 given to the Club by a consortium of foundations that include Ford, Knight, McCormick and Ethics and Excellence in Journalism.

The Club's stalwart accountant Richard Sherman briefed members on the Club's financial outlook. He said the Club needs to be aggressive with the revenue opportunities that the grant and awards dinner has the potential to provide.

"I'm optimistic about the grant to provide some financial cushion; the dinner is an unknown in terms of expecting how much the Club makes year to year," Sherman said. "While there's promise, I urge the Club to proceed with caution."

The 2008 awards dinner saw an increase from 2007 expenses by almost \$6000, and a decrease from 2007 dinner income of \$6300. In addition, the annual *Dateline* magazine had difficulties securing sufficient advertising and saw its revenue decline by more than \$11,500.

### FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Co-chairman of the OPC's Press Freedom Committee Kevin McDermott provided a recap of the committee's work in the past year. He reported that before the Olympics the committee made a commitment to keep an eye on China.

"About a year ago we noticed a ratcheting up of routine forms of harassment against journalists and bloggers, and it has not let up," McDermott said.

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, at last count twenty six journalists are in Chinese prisons on charges connected with their professional activities, making China the world's largest jailer of journalists, a title it's held for several years.

The Beijing Olympics will be remembered for more than just U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps's stunning gold-medal sweep. Committee member Minky Worden, who recently returned from Hong Kong, said the amount of information the Chinese government has collected on people is staggering.

"The Chinese government has built a massive surveillance network, both human and technological," said "This will be one of the legacies of the Olympics."

With journalists' freedom being roundly rebuked globally and corporate news organizations scaling back overseas operations, the annual Club meeting adjourned with an ever-clear mission to support international reporting.



Kevin McDermott



Minky Worden

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# Grant Challenge: A Call to Arms to Members of the OPC

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Sonya K. Fry

The *Chronicle of Philanthropy* noted in a November 1, 2007 article that "There is a growing interest among philanthropists in finding ways to help rescue journalism...from the brutalities of the market." With this underlying premise in mind, the OPC applied and received a \$25,000 Challenge Grant from a consortium of foundations, Ford, Knight, McCormick and Ethics and Excellence in Journalism.

This, our first foray into the world of foundation grants, is an equally exciting and daunting opportunity for our club.

The grant is a "challenge grant," which means that the OPC must match the funds by fund-raising from individual donations. It is quite an honor to be selected a winner, however, the tough task lies ahead for our club to come up with the significant sum of \$25,000.

I attended a conference in Chicago in August that explained the details and helped to motivate the participants. As an aside there were major thunderstorms and tornados in the Chicago area so most of the attendees either spent the night in an airport or were turned back and had to get up for a very early morning flight. I luckily managed to arrive at O'Hare and get to the hotel between storms.

The two major points emphasized during the weekend: Capacity Building and Not Asking.

For Capacity Building, the foundation grant will help us with extra money to hire a professional to build our membership and donation base and to enhance the already noteworthy work that the OPC does in the area of freedom of the press and awards. The second point underscored the cardinal sin of fund-raising: NOT ASKING. That is, if the OPC does not ask for money, we won't receive it.

The strong membership of the OPC will be asked in the next few months to help raise the \$25,000 to match the grant and to identify new sources of income, ideas and venues for events, bequests, annual giving, sources of corporate donations beyond media, and other foundation grants.

Our industry has been battered indeed and the rough edges are certainly not yet smoothed out as the printed word copes with integrating the Internet. As our economy spirals downward how will advertising on radio, television and online meet the challenge of hard times? How to steer the OPC through these turbulent times will be the challenge of the next few years. We will need our membership to be more involved and more willing to donate beyond their dues.

In my tenure as director of the club for 14 years, we have never asked our members to contribute beyond their dues, but we must rise to the occasion and meet our new challenges.

## A Tribute to Nuala O'Faolain

by Sonya K. Fry

A lovely tribute to OPC member Nuala O'Faolain was held at the New York Public Library in the Celeste Bartos Room to a capacity crowd on June 24. In many ways it was a old-fashioned Irish wake with sister and boyfriend comments along with Irish luminaries like Frank McCourt.



Musicians played beautiful Irish melodies on the fiddle, flute and uilleann pipes (you would have to be Irish to know what that is) and a vocalist sang in both English and Irish (Celtic). Poems were read, tears flowed, pictures of Nuala as a young girl in Ireland were shown on a big screen and a champagne toast was served. But for me, the best part was a video of Nuala being her funny, provocative self. I longed for more.

O'Faolain died in Dublin on May 9 of lung cancer that had spread to her brain and liver. After her cancer diagnosis, she told the *Irish Independent* before she died, "I don't want more time. As soon as I heard I was going to die, the goodness went from life."

An audio recording of O'Faolain reading from "Are You Somebody," rounded out the program, which concluded with the song "Mo Ghile Mear" and a champagne toast.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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# Sharland's New Book Reveals Artists Homes as Muse

## EVENT PREVIEW: SEPTEMBER 16

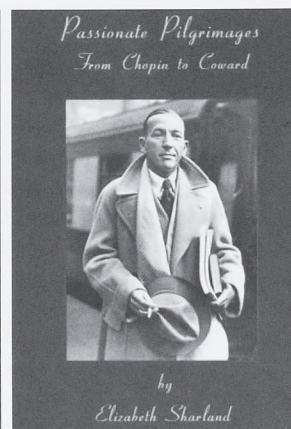
The OPC has a double-booking of Book Nights in September, the second event will present OPC member Elizabeth Sharland's upcoming new book, *Passionate Pilgrimages From Chopin to Coward* [Welcome Rain Publishers]. The Toronto-born actor and author visits the homes of authors, actors and composers, and muses on settings in which their creative work was accomplished.

Sharland visits George Sand's home in Nohant, Maugham; Ivor Novello in London, Puccini in Lake Lago, Noel Coward in Jamaica, G.B. Shaw in Ayot St. Lawrence, Katherine Mansfield in Menton, Paul Bowles in Morocco and Lady Gregory in County Galway.

Sharland is an actress, producer, playwright and novelist, best-known for her informative and entertaining non-fiction books about theatre stars and for her popular and show "Love From Shakespeare to Coward," an anthology of plays poems, letters and diaries around the theme of love, based on six years in London's West End.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception followed by an introduction by OPC former President **Roy Rowan**. Sharland will talk about her journey through the great minds and great houses that comprise her latest book. The event is co-sponsored by the British School & Universities Societies and Welcome Rain Publishers.

Join us on Tuesday, September 16 at Club Quarters, 40 West 45th Street. Please call the OPC for reservations 212-626-9220 or reserve online at [www.opcofamerica.org](http://www.opcofamerica.org).



### New Web Site Features: [www.opcofamerica.org](http://www.opcofamerica.org)

If you have a profile on Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace or Twitter, search for the Overseas Press Club of America and join our group. Adding the OPC to your online profiles is a great

way to stay in touch with the news of the organization and to share information about the Club, our work and events with friends. Be sure to also fill out your OPC profile on our Web site, which is only accessible by OPC members.

We also have an **RSS feed** of the Club's latest news. RSS feeds work as a syndicated news wire that can be added to your Web browser and Web site. Online dues and donations pay coming soon.

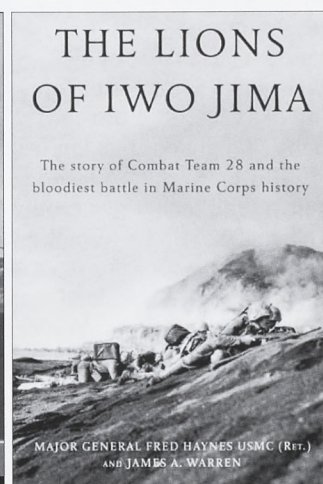
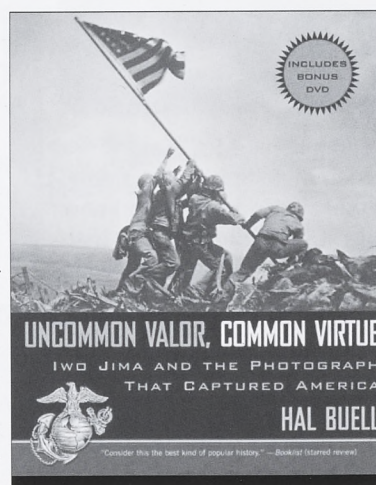


## OPC Book Night Brings Together Three Takes on One Historic Battle

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editor of *Parade* magazine. In "retirement" he has written two New York Times bestsellers "Beyond Glory" (a story of Medal of Honor recipients which was featured in a one-man show starring Stephen Lang on Broadway) and "The Few and the Proud," an oral history consisting of interviews with Marine Corps drill instructors from World War II to the present.

The Book Night will include one of the survivors of Iwo Jima, Gen. Fred Haynes (USMC—Ret.), an author himself who is also featured in Smith's book. General Haynes has just published his own story of the battle, titled *The Lions of Iwo Jima*. He was an operations officer with Marine Corps Combat Team 28 which was the unit which raised the flag on Suribachi. Hal Buell, former head of the AP Photography Service, wrote his book "Uncommon Valor, Common Virtue: Iwo Jima and the Photograph that Captured America" about AP photographer Joe Rosenthal. It promises to be a lively discussion with three authors from different perspectives on both the battle of Iwo Jima and the flag-raising. All three books will be



available for purchase and signing. Join us for this program which kicks off the new OPC season. Reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the panel of three authors at 6 p.m. Please call the OPC for reservations 212-626-9220 or reserve online at [www.opcofamerica.org](http://www.opcofamerica.org).





## PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

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**GLOBAL: Katie Paul**, who won the Irene Corbally Kuhn Scholarship in 2007 from the OPC Foundation, joined the staff of Newsweek.com as a reporter-researcher in August after interning at *Newsweek* and the OPC. A veteran of the Reuters bureau in Buenos Aires, Katie speaks Arabic, Spanish, French and, of course, English.

**Sheila B. Lalwani**, who won the Kuhn Scholarship this year, completed two internships in New Delhi this summer with the Human Rights Law Network and the U.S. Department of State. In July, she was working on a journalism research project in India. Lalwani was awarded a Nancy Klavans Fellowship from Harvard University's Women & Public Policy Program to research media and human rights in India. She is scheduled to graduate next year from Harvard with a master's degree in public policy.



The controversial *New Yorker* cover cartoon depicting Barack Obama in Islamic garb and his wife Michelle with an AK 47 in the White House Oval Office and a portrait of Osama bin Laden on the wall, drew world attention including

reports filed by Xinhua, China's official news agency; Al Jazeera; BBC; *The Australian*; Agence France-Presse; *Athens Banner-Herald*; *Daily News*, Egypt; Electric News, Singapore; Sky News TV, London; MSN News, India; and SBS World News, Australia.

On its Web site, Al Jazeera English filed dozens of comments from its readers around the world who either were not identified or only by first name. Here are samples from Ethiopia, "This is the work of people who do not want to see a Black American in the Oval Office. They are expressing their fear that one day racial equality will reign in America!" From India, "Islam is going through a black period and Muslims are looked upon as terrorists. But aren't they justified? Whole world is on fire because of Muslims."

From the Maldives, "Muslims were framed by U.S. as terrorists for the simple reason that natural wealth lies in Middle East, and U.S. are opportunists who are both resource and power hungry." From Nigeria, "So what if Obama is a Muslim. Sooner or later a Muslim would rule America. Only Islam can bring peace to the world." From South Africa, "It just shows how red faced and scared of the world the Americans are." From Indonesia, "It's a proof of how powerful the right wing Christians are around Bush." From Bangladesh, "This is another attempt by certain elements of U.S. society to demonize Muslims and Islam." From Canada, "*The New Yorker* has done this to influence voters who never read the magazine but who will see the cover." From Afghanistan, "Say what you will, this shows the degree of freedom in America." Discuss this magazine cover and press freedom issues online at [www.opcofamerica.org](http://www.opcofamerica.org).

The International Women's Media Foundation has selected OPC member **Edith Lederer** for its 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award. Since starting her journalism career in 1966, Lederer, chief AP correspondent at the United Nations, has reported from every continent except

Antarctica. In 1972 she became the first female resident correspondent in Vietnam. The Foundation's 2008 Courage in Journalism Awards will go to **Farida Nekzad**, who is working for a free press and greater equality of women journalists in her native Afghanistan; **Sevgul Uludag**, who has reported on missing people and mass graves for Turkish and Greek newspapers in Cyprus; and **Aye Aye Win**, an AP correspondent in Myanmar, whose activities and work are closely monitored by her country's repressive military junta. The awards will be presented in October.

The first annual Kate Webb Award was presented this summer to Pakistani news reporter **Mushtaq Yusufzai**, 32,



for his reports on the Taliban and Al-Qaeda from Pakistan's border with Afghanistan. He reported for the English-language daily *The News* and NBC News. Established by the Agence France-Presse Foundation, the 5,000 Euro prize is named for the late **Kate Webb**, who reported from the Vietnam War and South Asia. OPC member **Peter Arnett**, who won a 1966 Pulitzer Prize for his Vietnam War coverage for the AP, attended the presentation ceremony in Hong Kong and commented, "[The Afghan-Pakistan border area] has become one of the most dangerous in the world to cover, and it's through the efforts of Mushtaq and other local journalists that the world is given a glimpse into the extent of the problems there." In the past four years, six Pakistani journalists have been killed in the tribal lands where Yusufzai operates.

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The New York-based political blog, *Talking Points Memo*, received the 2008



Joshua Micah Marshall

Free Media Pioneer award from the International Press Institute. Founded and run by **Joshua Micah Marshall**, *TPM* is the flagship of a number of sites that deal with domestic and foreign policy issues and investigative reporting of political corruption. The award was accepted by **David Kurtz**, *TPM*'s managing editor, at the IPI World Congress in Belgrade this past June.

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In Hong Kong winners of the 12th annual Human Rights Press Awards went to these foreign correspondents: **Choe Sang-hun** and **Seth Mydans**, *International Herald Tribune*; **Andrew Marshall**, *Time Asia*; **Christopher Hogg**, BBC; and **Jewel Samad**, AFP. OPC board member **Jim Laurie**, director of broadcast journalism at the University of Hong Kong, was one of the judges of the competition organized by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Journalists Association and Amnesty International Hong Kong.

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In Washington **Jenny Manrique**, a Colombian freelance journalist, has been awarded the 2008-2009 Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship by the International Women's Media Foundation. The fellowship gives a woman journalist the opportunity to focus on human rights journalism and social justice issues. Manrique writes for *Comunicaciones Aliadas*, a non-governmental online magazine based in Peru, and she has covered kidnapping, drug trafficking and refugees. She plans to use her fellowship to investigate Colombian paramilitaries and their ties to multinational corporations.

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In New York, the 2008 Maria Moors Cabot Awards for outstanding reporting on Latin America, administered by Columbia University's Graduate School

of Journalism, will be presented at an Oct. 16 dinner to **Carmen Aristegui Flores**, anchor of CNN en Español and columnist for the Mexican newspaper *Reforma*; **Michael Smith**, senior writer, *Bloomberg Markets* magazine; **Sam Quinones**, reporter, *Los Angeles Times*; and **Gustavo Sierra**, international news editor, Argentina newspaper *Clarín*.

**BAKU, Azerbaijan:** **Novruzali Mamedov**, editor of the now defunct *Tolshi Sado* (Voice of the Talysh), a newspaper published twice a month, was convicted of treason in June and sentenced to 10 years in prison. A secretary for the newspaper, **Elman Quliyev**, was convicted on the same charge and sentenced to six years in prison. Mamedov, 66, was convicted on what the prosecution called "distribution of Talysh nationalist ideas and attempts to destroy the foundations of the Azerbaijani state." The Talysh, a group of about 100,000, live mainly in the southern part of the country along the border with Iran.

**BEIJING:** Veteran foreign correspondent and OPC member **Craig Smith** resigned from *The New York Times* in July to create a financial news service in China in partnership with a Chinese business magazine. In a statement, Smith wrote, "There are two places in the world today that have extraordinary concentrations of capital: the Middle East, thanks to surging oil prices, and Asia, thanks to the rise of China's economy. Both have become active in new media. I am fortunate to have spent much of my career in China and to speak passable Mandarin." Smith was based in Paris before leaving *The Times*. He had been based in Shanghai and reported from Iraq, Israel and Kyrgyzstan.

**CARCAS:** Two prominent Venezuelan journalists were killed this summer within 12 days of each other. After **Pierre Fould Gerges**, vice president of the business newspaper *Reporte Diario de la Economica* was fatally shot June 2, **Javier Garcia**, news anchor for RCTV Internacional, was found dead in his bed June 14, stabbed three times in his torso and twice in his right leg. "Although it is not clear whether Garcia's death is linked to his reporting at the news cable station, it is well known that the cable station was recognized for its critical reporting of government and business," **Robert L.**

**Dowling** and **Larry Martz** of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, wrote in a letter to Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez.



Mia Farrow with Keith Bradsher, first vice president of the FCC and an OPC member.

**HONG KONG:** When she was guest speaker at a Foreign Correspondents' Club lunch on May 2, **Mia Farrow**, Hollywood star and human rights activist, said, "We ask, how can China host the Olympic Games at home while underwriting genocide in Darfur?" Revenues from sale of Sudan oil to China now top \$2 billion annually, Farrow said, and Sudan uses this money to buy helicopters and planes "used against the civilians in Darfur." She illustrated her talk with some of the scenes of suffering in Darfur she photographed during eight visits there.

**KIRKUK, Iraq:** **Arkan Ali Taha**, 14, son of the chief editor of a U.S.-sponsored Iraqi newspaper, was shot and killed July 25 during a gun battle. The U.S. military said the boy was hit by bullets fired by American soldiers after they came under heavy gunfire from a passing taxi in which the boy was riding.

**LONDON:** OPC member **Farhad Heydari** this summer assumed the newly-created position of senior editor U.K. for *Centurion* and the European edition of *Departures*, magazines published by American Express. Previously based in Hamburg, Heydari is a longtime freelance travel and lifestyle journalist and editor whose reports have been published in *The New York Times*, *Time Europe*, *Time Asia*, *Town and Country*, *Travel+Leisure* and other publications.

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The High Court of Justice ruled on June 26 that freelance journalist **Shiv Malik** must hand over his research material on former Islamist radical Hassan Butt,



the subject of Malik's book *Leaving Al-Qaida: Inside the Mind of a British Jihadist*. **David Dudge**, director of the International Press Institute, said, "IPI is concerned at the implications of this decision, which appears to be part of a wider trend across Europe depriving journalists of their right to protect their sources."

#### MARRICKVILLE, Australia:

**Murray Sayle**, who reported from four continents during a long career in print and broadcast journalism, is suffering from advanced Parkinson's disease, his wife **Jennifer** reported in an e-mail to "People" in June. She wrote, "Since January he has been in a nearby nursing home and family and friends often go and visit." Reporting over the years for AFP, the *Sunday Times* and the *Times* of London, BBC, PBS, ABC of Australia and *Newsweek International*, Murray filed from Europe, Asia and the Middle, Africa and Latin America.

**NEW YORK:** After more than four decades in the news business, OPC member **Fred Ferguson** is looking for freelance opportunities. In July, PR Newswire closed its feature unit that Ferguson headed and bid him goodbye with severance pay. After reporting for newspapers, Ferguson was a UPI correspondent for 27 years before working for PR Newswire for 15 years. He was editor of the *OPC Bulletin* for about four years in the 1990s. In a card to his many contacts, Ferguson wrote, "Disappointed by 'New Media' scams? Try an old line targeted approach. We can help."



Tom Brokaw, left, with Tim Russert on "Meet the Press"

OPC member **Tom Brokaw** said he volunteered to moderate NBC's "Meet the Press" in part as a tribute to his friend, **Tim Russert**, 58, who died of a heart attack June 13 after hosting the show for

17 years. Brokaw, 68, who retired in 2004 as anchor of "NBC Nightly News," will conduct the Sunday political show through the November election. Brokaw said in a statement, "I've been appearing on 'Meet the Press' since the days of Watergate... so I feel right at home."

Meanwhile, **Luke Russert**, 22, Tim's son, joined his dad's network as an NBC News correspondent-at-large. His first assignment was the Democratic and Republican national conventions. Luke graduated from Boston University in May.



Luke Russert

And **Mark Whitaker**, editor of *Newsweek* from 1998 to 2006, was appointed chief of NBC News' Washington bureau in July, filling the vacancy created by Russert's death. Before becoming *Newsweek's* top editor, Whitaker was a reporter, writer and editor at the magazine for two decades. From 2006 to 2007, he was vice president and editor-in-chief of new ventures at Washingtonpost.newsweek interactive of the Washington Post Company, *Newsweek's* owner. He joined NBC News in 2007. His wife is **Alexis Gelber**, *Newsweek's* director of special projects and OPC president from 2002 to 2004.

OPC member **Andrew Nagorski**, who took a buyout from *Newsweek* this summer, started his new job as director of public policy and senior fellow at the EastWest Institute in New York City in August. For *Newsweek*, Nagorski reported from Hong Kong, Moscow (expelled in 1982 for his reporting), Rome, Bonn, Warsaw and Berlin.

**Robert Thomson**, managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, appointed three top editors this spring while the paper moved toward more political and general news alongside its business coverage. They are **Nikhil Deogun**, international editor who was born in India and got his first newspaper job when he was 18 as an intern at *The Statesman* of Calcutta before earning bachelor and master degrees in the United States; **Matt Murray**, national editor; and **Mike Williams**, Page One editor.

**Abi Wright** resigned from the Committee to Protect Journalists in July to become director of the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism. She was communications director of CPJ. "Working to defend journalists around the world has been an incredible experience, and I will remain involved with CPJ's important mission," she wrote in an e-mail message.

**Joyce Hoffman** interviewed **Richard Pyle**, an AP bureau chief during the Vietnam War, several times for her book *On Their Own: Women Journalists and the American Experience in Vietnam*. So this columnist asked Pyle, now AP New York, to comment on the book. In an e-mail, he wrote, "Joyce is a very nice and sincere person and overall did a good job, even though I don't really think another book about women war reporters had anything new to say. Women were covering WWII and Korea, so what was new about Vietnam? Not much, other than perhaps more of them [in Vietnam], but even that is questionable. There were dozens of them in WWII... Bottom line: Joyce Hoffman did a diligent job in researching and writing these stories."

**PARIS:** **William Schmidt**, winner of an OPC award and an assistant managing editor of *The New York Times*, will move to Paris at year's end to become top editor of the Times-owned *International Herald Tribune*. He will succeed **Martin Gottlieb**, who held the job on an interim basis and who will return to New York to continue the work of integrating the two papers. Schmidt has reported from Moscow, Cairo, London, Chicago, Miami, Denver and Atlanta, and he shared a 1977 OPC award for his reporting on the war in Lebanon.



William Schmidt

**SANAA, Yemen:** **Mohammed al-Mokaleh**, head of Yemen's Journalist

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Syndicate and a critic of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, was sentenced to jail in June for laughing in court during the conclusion of the trial of **Abdelkarim al-Khaiwani**, former editor-in-chief of the *Al-Shoura* newspaper. The prosecutor charged Mokaleh with "attacking and defaming the judicial system" for laughing out loud in the court. His laugh drew a six-month suspended sentence, but he was held in jail. Khaiwani was sentenced to six years in prison on charges of belonging to an anti-government group.

**SARIAYA, Philippines: Robert (Bert) Sison**, 60, a reporter for the weekly *Regional Bulletin*, was shot in his car July 1 by two gunmen on a motorcycle and died at the scene. Sison's newspaper has published articles on crime and stories critical of local officials.

His daughter **Liwayway**, 30, was shot in the arm before the gunmen fled, and his daughter, **Amirah**, 24, escaped unharmed by pretending to be dead. Both daughters also report for *Regional Bulletin* in Sariaya, a town about 60 miles southeast of Manila. In recent years, dozen of journalists have been killed in the Philippines, and over 90 percent of the murders remain unsolved, the Committee to Protect Journalists reported.

**TOKYO: Catherine Makino** was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan in June, defeating former OPC member **Bradley Martin**.

Makino, the second woman to head the Club since its founding 63 years ago, is a correspondent with Inter Press Service, a global news agency with headquarters in Rome that covers economic and social issues.



Catherine Makino

**VIENNA:** The International Press Institute reported that photojournalist **Richard Mills** of Northern Ireland died July 14 while on an undercover assignment in Zimbabwe. On the day of his death, he was to interview a white farmer who had been attacked after speaking out against Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe. His family was informed that

Mills, 41, "had died and that the cause of his death was asphyxiation by hanging," IPI reported.

**WASHINGTON: Marcus W. Brauchli**, an OPC member and a former correspondent in Europe and Asia, became the executive editor of *The Washington Post* in September while the paper undergoes changes with younger leadership. **Katharine Weymouth** (known as Lally), 42, who has been *The Post*'s publisher since early this year, selected Brauchli, 47, a *Post* outsider, to replace **Leonard Downie Jr.**, 66, who led *The Post* newsroom for 17 years. Downie commented, "A new young publisher needs a new, younger editor." Weymouth is the grand-daughter of longtime *Post* publisher **Katharine Graham**, 91.

Brauchli resigned as managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal* in April after Rupert Murdoch bought the paper. Brauchli takes the helm at *The Post* while the paper is trying to meld its print and online operations, something *The Journal* has already done. *The New York Times* reported, "The two operations [at *The Post*] have been kept apart to a degree that is rare in the industry – the Web site even has a separate newsroom, in Virginia – which has bred duplication and turf wars."

Brauchli started his career as a foreign correspondent in 1984 as an AP-Dow Jones reporter in Hong Kong. In 1987, he joined *The Wall Street Journal Europe* as Scandinavia correspondent, and he moved the next year to *The Journal*'s bureau in Tokyo. After a Nieman Fellowship, he was sent in 1992 to *The Journal*'s Hong Kong bureau as Asia correspondent. In 1995 he became the paper's China bureau chief in Shanghai, where he remained until 1999 when he returned to New York to become *The Journal*'s news editor.

He led projects that won three OPC awards or citations and participated in another team that won an OPC award for business coverage. Brauchli's second consecutive term on the OPC board ends in August, and that's the longest run allowed by the Club's bylaws. He is married to **Maggie Farley**, the *Los Angeles Times* U.N. bureau chief.



Katharine Weymouth

**Helen Thomas** was giving a speech at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, where she was being awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters May 17 when she collapsed on the stage. An ambulance took her back to Washington while heavily sedated, about a four-hour trip. Doctors found two holes in her colon which caused intense pain and disrupted her gastric system. Helen, an OPC member and dean of the White House press corps who turned 88 on August 4, spent a couple of weeks in intensive care and then several more weeks in acute care at Georgetown University hospital before returning home.



Helen Thomas

The 10 weeks she spent flat on her back left it difficult for her to walk, and so she was moved to a physical therapy hospital. **Ron Cohen**, former UPI's Washington news editor, visited her in the hospital several times. After one visit in July, Ron said, "She complained about the rigorousness of her physical therapy regimen, and about George W. Bush, so I take it she is on the mend."

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III apologized to *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* in August for improperly obtaining phone records of their reporters in Indonesia in 2004. Mueller made his apologies in telephone calls to **Bill Keller**, executive editor of *The Times*, and **Leonard Downie Jr.**, executive editor of *The Post*. The telephone records apparently were sought as part of a terrorism investigation, but the FBI did not disclose any details.

Eight U.S. journalists are reporting from abroad this summer and autumn on eight-week fellowships awarded by the International Reporting Project. The journalists and the countries from where they are reporting are **Stéphanie Giry** of *Foreign Affairs*, Russia; **Ruxandra Guidi**, freelance writer and producer,



Haiti; **Macarena Hernández**, *Dallas Morning News*, Mexico; **Amelia Newcomb**, *Christian Science Monitor*, Japan; **Betsy Rate**, Public Affairs Television, Afghanistan; **David Rochkind**, freelance photojournalist, South Africa; **Alisa, Roth**, American Public Media, Sweden; and **Delphine Schrank**, freelance writer, Democratic Republic of Congo. OPC member **John Schidlovsky** is director of the International Reporting Project at The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University.

After reporting from war zones for the past 17 years, **Lara Logan** was appointed CBS News' chief foreign affairs correspondent in June, based in Washington. In



Lara Logan

a TV interview on *The Daily Show* after arriving in Washington, Logan, 37, complained that even her network prefers fluff over solid news, saying, "If I were to watch the news that you get here in the United States, I would just blow my brains out because it would drive me nuts." The news of her promotion came amid salacious stories about her personal life published in *The New York Post* and *National Enquirer*. She recently learned that she is pregnant and expects to deliver in January. On August 18, *The New York Post* reported that Joseph Burkett, an Iraq war contractor and father of Logan's child, has divorced his wife and that he and Logan, also recently divorced, plan to marry.

Logan had reported from Iraq for CBS News since 2006 and before that from Afghanistan starting in 2001. Earlier as a freelancer, she covered conflicts and disasters in Zimbabwe, Northern Ireland, Nairobi, Tanzania, Israel-Palestine, India and Kosovo. Born in South Africa, Logan and her reporting team won OPC and Emmy awards and an RTNDA Edward R. Murrow Award for "Ramadi: On the Front Line" in 2006.

**Ted Koppel**, Discovery Channel's managing editor, has added BBC to his workload. This summer, he joined the

nightly newscasts of BBC America and BBC World News as a contributing analyst of international and national news developments.

**Jim Lehrer**, 73, returned to the anchor desk at "The News Hour" on PBS in June after being absent since April while recuperating from aortic valve replacement surgery in Boston.

**CORRECTON:** This columnist erred in writing in June about the arrest of newspapermen **Nguyen Van Hai** and **Nguyen Viet Chien**. The item said the reporters "played a key role" in a Vietnamese Transportation Ministry scandal. The item should have said they "played a key role in denouncing" the scandal.

#### WEDDING

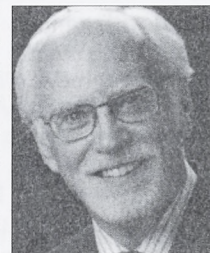
Several hours after their first date in July 2005, **Jill Rackmill** and **Daniel Arnall** received telephone calls from ABC News in New York City, where they both worked, telling them of the terrorist bombings in London. He was called back to the office to write about how the bombings were affecting world financial markets. She was sent to Leeds in northern England, where three of the four bombers had lived. "When I got there I spent two weeks researching the backgrounds of the bombers, and as I worked I was getting e-mails from Dan telling me about the background of the city, and some of the fun things there were to do in Leeds," *The New York Times* quoted Jill. "Wherever I went, I kept thinking about him." Dan commented, "It had always been a rule of mine to not mix romance with a workplace relationship." They were married on July 4 in Garrison, New York.

#### PEOPLE REMEMBERED

**Charles Z. Wick**, 90, director of the United States Information Agency from 1981 to 1989, died July 20 at his home in Los Angeles. The longest-serving USIA director, Wick fought what he saw as a widespread Soviet campaign of disinformation. He started the Voice of America's Spanish-language outlet, Radio Marti, to broadcast American news and opinions to Communist Cuba; Worldnet, said to be the first live global satellite TV network; and a television

station in West Berlin. To celebrate Poland's resistance to the Soviets, Wick organized a worldwide TV program in which Frank Sinatra sang in Polish.

**Frederic Wiegold**, 61, an OPC Foundation board member and a senior editor of the monthly magazine *Bloomberg Markets*, died July 19 after being stricken in his New York office with a brain aneurysm and being taken by ambulance to a hospital. Wiegold joined Bloomberg News in 2002 as an editor-at-large and served five and a half years as New York bureau chief. Before joining Bloomberg, he worked for 18 years



at *The Wall Street Journal*, where he was a founding editor of the Money & Investing section and a contributing editor of *Smart Money* magazine. Previously he was a vice president of J.P. Morgan & Co.; managing editor of *World Business Weekly*, a magazine published by the *Financial Times*; a reporter at the daily *American Banker*; and a news writer at WFLD-TV, Chicago. Fred edited *The Wall Street Journal Lifetime Guide to Money* [New York: Hyperion, 1997].

**Faith D. Waterman**, 102, an OPC secretary in the 1950s, died July 15 in her New York City apartment. She had served as a personal assistant to the noted journalist **Dorothy Thompson** and to author and presidential daughter **Margaret Truman**. During her long career, Faith was a member of the Andre Seligmann Gallery in New York City. The notice of her death in *The New York Times* described her as "a lover of the arts with a passion for knowledge, and a wide circle of friends throughout the world."

**Sir Charles Wheeler**, 85, a former BBC correspondent in Asia, Europe and the United States, died July 4 of lung cancer in his London home. He covered the 1956 Hungarian uprising, the flight of the Dalai Lama from Tibet in 1959 and the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King

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## PEOPLE REMEMBERED

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Jr. After World War II service in the Royal Marines, Wheeler joined BBC in 1946. He continued working for BBC radio until recently when he became despaired at changes in the industry such as the 24-hour TV channel that he described as BBC's "worst idea yet." Wheeler was knighted in 2001.

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**Ary Moleon**, 82, who spent four decades covering diplomacy and politics in Washington for AP's Latin American subscribers, died in his sleep of natural causes at his home in Broward County, Florida, June 24. Born in Argentina, Moleon came to the United States in 1962 and worked for AP for the next 40 years, mostly in Washington.

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**Garven F. Hudgins**, 84, a former AP correspondent in Europe and the Middle East, died June 23 at a nursing home in Potomac, Maryland. He had dementia, *The Washington Post* reported. After joining AP Newsfeatures in 1951, Hudgins was sent to Europe in 1957. He was based in Paris, London and Istanbul and covered the trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem. In 1962, he returned to AP Newsfeatures in New York. Two years later, Hudgins went back to Paris and became AP Cairo bureau chief in 1965. He covered the 1967 Arab-Israeli war from Cairo until he was expelled from Egypt along with most of the Western press corps. Back in the States, he was assigned to Washington as AP's education writer until retiring from the news agency in 1971.

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Whether he was being ushered into the White House or the chancelleries of world leaders, **Peter Mackler** was often heard to whisper, "Not too bad for a kid from Brooklyn." From Brooklyn, Mackler went on to report from Hong Kong, Sydney, Singapore Brussels, Paris and Washington for Agence France-Presse. He covered both Gulf Wars; conflicts in Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan; the Palestinian intifada; 9/11 in New York; President George W. Bush; and the current presidential campaign. In 2004, while continu-

## Sweeting: Ultimate Joiner and OPC Member

**Charles Sweeting**, one of the OPC's most devoted members who attended almost every event, died of a heart attack in his apartment in Jersey City on July 24. Sweeting, a columnist for the *Union Jack*, which billed itself as "America's Only National British Newspaper," kept the more than 100,000 Brits in New York in touch with the news and events of interest to them.

Born in Derby, England Sweeting was a screenwriter, film director for both movies and television; author of "A Film Course Manual" (1971) and columnist. He was an assistant film director for "Reach for the Sky," "Anastasia" and "St. Joan." On television he worked on "Robin Hood," "The Invisible Man" and "Freedom's Finest Hour" (narrated by Ronald Reagan).

Sweeting was the consummate joiner. In London he was a member of The Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinematograph and Theatre Union, the Victory Club, London Press Club, Savage Club and Trinity College Dublin Dining Club. In New York he was actively involved with the American Australia Society, Canadian Society, St. David's Society, St. George's Society, St. Andrew's Society, Episcopal Actors' Guild, Britannia Masonic Lodge, The Players Club and Dublin University Graduate Association, as well as the OPC, of course.

A memorial service was held on August 21 at the Church of the Transfiguration in New York. The February and March 2004 issues of the *Union Jack* newsletter are available for download on [www.opcofamerica.org](http://www.opcofamerica.org), where you can also join others who have posted their recollections about Sweeting.



The illustration was featured at the top of each *Union Jack* newsletter with the tagline "Charles Sweeting in New York/There are over 100,000 Brits in New York."

ing to work for AFP, Mackler set up Global Media Forum to train journalists from developing countries.

Mackler earned a degree in psychology at Brooklyn College and worked as a psychologist for children in Brooklyn before started his wire service career in 1973 with UPI in New York. He joined AFP in 1979. After working overseas, he was based in Washington and became the French news agency's chief editor for North America in 2006. On June 20, Mackler, 58, suffered an apparent heart attack in his Washington office and died a few hours later in George Washington Hospital. Survivors include his wife of 31 years, **Catherine Antoine**, a journalist with Radio Free Asia. Mackler's old friend **Richard Sisk** of the New York *Daily News* wrote that Mackler's English, excellent French and New York street lingo combined "to charm or cajole his way to exclusives."

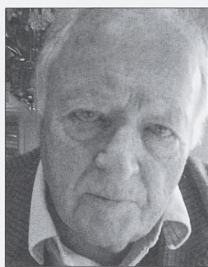
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**C. Evans Hays**, 62, a former Voice of America bureau chief in Bonn, died June 20 in Miami of a cerebral hemorrhage. After working as a writer and editor in

UPI's Richmond, Virginia, bureau, Hays worked for Radio Free Europe-Radio Liberty in Munich. He joined VOA in the late 1980s. While in Bonn, he covered reunification and the Balkan wars. After retiring, Hays accompanied his wife **Sally Hodgson** on her State Department assignments to Ghana, Iceland and Venezuela.

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**Sven-Erik Bergh**, 96, who published books in Swedish, German and English, died June 5 at his home in Oberaegeri, Zug, Switzerland. Head of an OPC family, Bergh was an OPC member as are his twin daughters, **Sylvia**, a lecturer at the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, and **Bettina**, legal counsel for The Swatch Group Inc. in Switzerland. Born in Sweden, Bergh moved with his family to Germany in 1922 but returned to Sweden when Hitler came to power. In Sweden, he was trained in book publishing and in 1940 became head of Ljus AB, a publishing house in the Esselte group. Bergh founded a literary agency in New York in 1947, and a year later the U.N. appointed him to its publishing division. He returned



to Stockholm in 1954 and founded a publishing house. Wishing to publish in German, he went to Düsseldorf in 1970 and founded the company Edition Sven-Bergh im Econ Verlag. In an e-mail to his twins daughters, OPC executive director Sonya Fry wrote, "Your father was one of my favorite OPC members and I always looked forward to his visits to New York." Also surviving is his wife, Liselotte, a concert pianist. Also surviving is his wife, **Liselotte**, a concert pianist. While not an OPC member, his wife handled administration of her family's memberships, sending the checks and notifying the Club of family events.



OPC member **William F. (Bill) Bland**, 91, a chemical engineer and technical journalist, died May 29 at his home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. When he started publishing *PetroChemical News*, its first office space was in the old OPC building in New York City at 54 West 40th Street. Bland started his publishing career in 1944 when he became engineer-

ing editor for National Petroleum Publishing Company. From 1953 to 1963, he was chief editor of McGraw-Hill's *Petroleum Processing* magazine and an assistant to the publisher of all McGraw-Hill petroleum publications. Bill joined the OPC in 1964 as a resident member and had been a non-resident member since 1998. In an e-mail to **Susan Kensil**, Bland's daughter, OPC Executive Director **Sonya K. Fry** wrote, "Your father was a staunch supporter of the Club for many, many years." Susan sent the *Bulletin* her father's 2003 passport photo with a note, "At 86, he loved to travel."



When **Alan Thomas** was based in Hong Kong for Reuters, he worked and lived with his wife **Mary** and their two sons in Peak House, the highest-placed building on the island where its elevation was ideal for monitoring broadcasts from Communist China. After joining Reuters in 1965, Thomas was based in Singapore, Moscow, Tanzania and Hong Kong and served as editor in

Hong Kong, London and the Middle East. Thomas retired last year and died suddenly in April at home in Polruan, England at age 65. Before his death, his and Mary's younger son **Luke** died while attending university and their older son **James** died a few years later.

Deaths of *Stars & Stripes* correspondents were reported in a recent S&S newsletter. **Mark Dahlinger**, 79, died December 31, 2008. He worked for the *European Stars & Stripes* in Germany in the 1960s and then returned to the San Diego *Evening Tribune*.

**William F. Moran**, 95, died December 6, 2008. He was an S&S correspondent in France and Europe during World War II.

**Billy E. Spangler**, former commander and editor-in-chief of the *European Stars & Stripes*, died of leukemia this past November at his San Antonio home.

**Robert T. Dawn**, a printer by trade, worked for S&S on the European edition in Darmstadt from 1957 to 1959 and in Tokyo on the Pacific edition 1969 to 1971. Dawn, who worked for over 55 printing shops during a 50-year career, died October 29, one week after entering a Sunnyvale, California hospice. He was 86.

## New Books:

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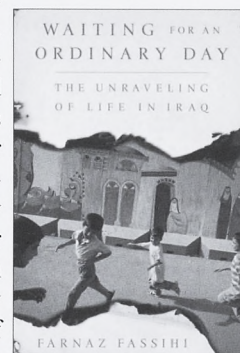


hand-to-hand combat over hundreds of years into a bona-fide art under royal patronage... MuayThai is also a huge and lucrative industry fueled by gambling, television, and corporate sponsorship. It is a profession and lifestyle that enlivens the dreams of little boys from Thailand's poorer regions, but it is an endeavor that delivers real profits – mostly to the men who bankroll the fighters and stage the bouts" The 24-page coffee table book is available at [www.mcnallyjackson.com](http://www.mcnallyjackson.com), or at McNally Robinson bookseller in New York, tel: 212-274-1160.

## MIDDLE EAST

### A SEEL IS A YOUNG WOMAN OF TWENTY-SIX...

She is a civil engineer and works for the Baghdad municipality eight hours a day, yet her monthly salary is \$12.50. Not even enough, she says, to buy a pair of shoes or have a dinner at a restaurant." Aseel is one of the middle class working Iraqis whom **Farnaz Fassihi** introduces in *Waiting for an Ordinary Day: The Unraveling of Life in Iraq* [New York: PublicAffairs]. Fassihi, senior Middle East correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* and an American of Iranian descent, writes about what happened to Iraqis after Mission Accomplished and the "terrorism, chaos and mayhem" unleashed by the American invasion. The publisher wrote, "She listens and reports from their streets, cafes and homes as they come to terms with the overthrow of Saddam. Through the tales of art gallery owners and clairvoyants, taxi drivers and radicalized teenagers, Fassihi shows us the people whose good will the U.S. required for the occupation to succeed and asks Americans to take notice."



— by Al Kaff



# New Books

## GLOBAL

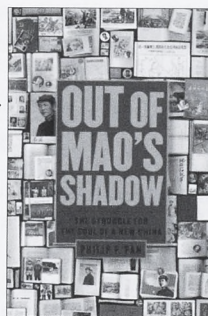
**SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS ON** how America can improve its foreign relations are presented in *Re-Engage!: America and the World After Bush, An Informed Citizen's Guide* [Paraddigm] by **Helena Cobban**, a columnist for the *Christian Science Monitor* and a *Boston Review* contributing writer. British-born Cobban argues that the United States should repair its relationship with other countries, participate effectively in the United Nations, ground its foreign policy in the principle of human equality, and move away from the language of threats and fears to a language of challenge and possibility. On her Web site, Cobban wrote of the United States, "I am hopeful that building a better relationship with the world is possible. Since 9/11, I have traveled to 18 foreign countries on five continents; and everywhere I've



gone I've found the citizens of those countries eager for the U.S. to rejoin the international community – but to do so on a basis of mutual respect, and out of a commitment to human equality rather than by acting unilaterally and mainly through military force, as has been our government's habit too frequently in recent years."

## ASIA

**CHINESE FILMAKER QUILTS** his state job to track down the story of a woman writer who wrote her last manuscript in her own blood before she was executed during the Cultural Revolution. That is one of the stories in *Out of Mao's Shadow: The Struggle for the Soul of a New China* [New York: Simon & Schuster] by **Philip P. Pan**, *Washington Post* Beijing bureau chief from 2000 to 2007. The author writes about individual Chinese who are struggling to come to terms with the turmoil and trauma of Mao's rule and take control of China's future. One of his subjects is an elderly surgeon who exposes the government's cover-up of the SARS epidemic. Others include a blind man jailed for leading a crusade against forced abortions carried out under the one-child policy, a labor leader who rallies a city against man-



agers who steal from state enterprises and a young newspaper editor who tries to lead a journalistic crusade in a country still governed by the Communist



Party. The author writes, "No one benefited more from the shift to capitalism than party officials and those with connections to them." He comments, "What freedom the Chinese people now enjoy has come only because individuals have demanded and fought for it, and because the party has retreated in the face of such pressure." Pan, born in New Jersey of immigrants from Taiwan, won the Asia Society's 2005 Osborn Elliot Prize for Excellence in Asian Journalism.



While reporting for *U.S. News & World Report*, *Fortune* and CNN in Asia from 1996 to 2002, OPC member **Brian Palmer** visited training camps and venues of muayThai (Thai boxing) in Thailand. He has collected his color photos of the fights, training and spectators, plus a photo of three beautiful Thai women, in *Combat | Culture | Commerce; Portrait of Thailand's National Sport and Obsession* [New York: School of Visual Arts]. In the text, Palmer writes, "MuayThai evolved from battlefield

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## Coming Up...

### Book Nights:

**Iwo Jima** by Larry Smith  
Wednesday, September 10  
5:30 p.m., Club Quarters

**Passionate Pilgrimages**  
by Elizabeth Sharland  
Tuesday, September 16  
6 p.m., Club Quarters

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